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#### DESCRIPTIVE LIST

OF

## **GLADIOLUS**

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#### TO MY FRIENDS IN THE TRADE AND GLAD FANS

This list is your guide to my well known line of dependable bulbs; grown in the fertile Puyallup-White River Valley of the State of Washington. A separate price list is enclosed.

In the following pages you will find listed many new varieties and also the standard line of especially hardy and lovely bulbs that I have featured for so many years.

I use great care to keep all stock true to name, and will liberally replace, or refund your money, on all stock found untrue. If for any reason whatever you are not perfectly satisfied with any bulbs received from me, they may be promptly returned and your money, including transportation charges, will be refunded.

No stronger guarantee could be made.

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## QUALITY

ALBATROSS (Pf)-Very large pure white.

APRICOT GLOW (P)—Warm apricot, growing quite tall and large under the right conditions. Primulinus. Excellent propagator.

BELINDE (Pf)—Beautiful clear cream. Nice large blooms with four to five open. Inclined to crook in hot weather, but very nice during cool weather. Wonderful propagator.

BERTY SNOW (M)—One of the best of the lavenders with light throat. Very similar to Miss Des Moines, but flecks under certain conditions.

BLUE TRIUMPHATOR (Pf.)—Not exactly a blue, as we all had hoped, but more of a gray. Somewhat the color of Heavenly Blue, but much larger. Tall spike and good placement. I got 100% germination on this one this year, and several of the bulblets bloomed. Stock limited.

CHAS. DICKENS (Pf)—Tall strong, glowing purple. Nice placement and fine substance. A fine commercial. Good propagator.

COMMANDER KOEHL (Pf)—The best red of them all. Tall, well placed spike with large blooms of almost leatherlike substance. Stock of this one is quite scarce.

CORONADO (B)—Large white with purple throat. Edges nicely frilled. Would be better if it opened a few more blooms at a time. Only a fair propagator.

CORYPHEE (Pf)—Still stands out as the most beautiful of the pinks, although it does not always come well placed.

DR. F. E. BENNETT (D)—The best commercial red to date. Good spike and well placed blooms of good substance. This variety always sells well on the cutflower market, even when other varieties are in a glut. Very good propagator.

EMILE AUBRUN (Lemoine)—Nice large coppery-bronze, with cherry red blotch, the whole having a coppery-red appearance. Excellent propagator.

FATA MORGANA (Pf)—Tall, straight pink and cream. An improvement over Phaenomen. Stock limited.

GOLD EAGLE (A)-Very prolific golden yellow.

HELEN WILLS (S)-Tall white, with pale lemon throat.

JANE ADDAMS (Dec)—Large light lavender with light throat. Does not grow very tall.

JOERG'S WHITE (J)—Immense cream-white with purple throat feathering. Is a winner, either in the garden or in the show room. Took first for the largest floret in the show this year at the Washington State Gladiolus Show. Placement is not always good. Fair propagator.

JUBILEE (Kemp)—Very large lavender. Inclined to fleck, and could have better substance. Good propagator.

KING GEORGE (M)—Tall, strong growing red with white throat.

LONGFELLOW (Dec)—Good clear pink, of excellent substance. Becoming very popular with florists over the country. Good propagator.

MAMMOTH WHITE (U. B. Co.)—The largest of the pure whites. A great exhibition flower. Good propagator.

MARMORA (Errey)—Smoky lavender. A fine variety, and probably the best of the smokies.

MARY FREY (Gelser)—Lavender with purple throat. Should become very popular as a cut-flower variety. Somewhat similar to Mrs. Peters, but much earlier. Good propagator.

### **BEAUTY**

MINUET (C)—Leads all the rest in the lavender class. With a good spike, large bloom, perfect placement, it is the glad without a fault.

MISS DES MOINES (Dec)—One of the best of the lavenders with light throat. Good placement, and does not fleck in hot weather.

MOTHER MACHREE (Stevens)—One of the most talked of glads of the day. A soft, smoky pinkish-gray. Some like it and some don't. But that is true of most all odd colored ones. For me it grows quite slowly from bulblets.

MOORISH KING (Pf)—Fairly tall, well placed, dark red. The best of the very dark reds. Good substance and fairly good propagator. Stock very scarce. MR. W. H. PHIPPS (D)—The "Wonder Glad". A very soft beautiful pink. Will open as many as 16 to 18 blooms at a time. The substance could be better and the placement frequently is not good, but it still is a wonderful flower.

MRS. LEON DOUGLAS (D)—The giant of the gladiolus kingdom. Very tall spike, with large pink blooms heavily flecked with ruby. I have seen spikes of this variety measuring over six feet in height. Good propagator.

MRS. P. W. SISSON (C)—A beautiful soft pink. Excellent propagator. Does not grow well under some conditions.

MRS. VAN KONYNENBURG (Ko-nine-en-burg) (Pf)—Tall, bluish lavender with fair placement. Good propagator.

PFITZER'S TRIUMPH (P)—One of the finest exhibition glads yet produced. Immense blooms of orange-red with red throat blotch. Excellent propagator, easily blooming from bulblets. Spike needs staking or is apt to break off at surface of the ground.

RUFFOLACE (Kemp)-Lacinated and ruffled pure white.

SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS (D)—A new variety highly thought of by many of the best authorities of the country. A carnelian red, or light orange. Is quite early, has good substance, good placement, does not fleck, opens about six at a time, is a very good propagator, and will likely become a very popular commercial variety. I believe I have the second largest stock in the country of this variety.

STAR OF THE SEA (E)—Wide open, peach-red bloom, with brownish markings. Very beautiful when it comes right. Often inclined to poor placement, and will crook if soil is allowed to become too dry.

SWORD OF MAHOMET (E)-A smoky brown.

THE ORCHID (Sprague)—A soft lavender primulinus. Similar in shape and coloring to an orchid. Very beautiful for small basket or table decorations.

TRUDEL GROTZ (Pf)—Very large, wide open bloom, of good substance. Rose-pink with red blotch. Placement is not all that could be desired, but you will like it.

VEILCHENBLAU (Pf)—Often said to be the best of the near-blues. Wide open blooms of violet-blue on a good spike. Very good.

VEILED BRILLIANCE (A)—Pink, tinted grayish blue. Large blooms, but rather a short spike.

WINGED VICTORY (B)—Large, pleasing pink, with wide-spread petals like wings. Good propagator. Inclined to crook for me this year, but possibly it was the season.

Originator or Introducer: (A) Austin, (B) Briggs, (C) Coleman, (D) Diener, (E) Ellis, (M) Mair, (P) Palmer, (Pf) Pfitzer, (S) Salbach, (Dec) Decorrah.

# A FEW OF THE MANY KIND LETTERS I RECEIVE FROM MY CUSTOMERS

Mississippi, Aug. 24, 1930.

Dear Mr. Pommert:

Your letter of July 8th was much appreciated. First, I want to say that the number sixes (6,000) we purchased from you were the largest and cleanest of any we bought and we got some from Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois and Michigan. They came up the quickest and made the best stand and are now growing fast. \* \* \*

New York, March 29, 1930.

Dear Sir:

My order of bulbs received from you yesterday and they seem to be nice and I think full size. At the same time I received my order from \* \* \*. In the order was 8,000 No. 5 Mrs. Peters that are not much over half the bulk of your No. 5s for the same quantity. \* \* \*

Alaska (Ketchikan).

Dear Sir:

The bulbs I received from you did beautiful. Enclosed find my order for \* \*.

L. S. R.

Washington, Sept. 10, 1930.

Dear Sir:

I won a blue ribbon and trophy an my gladiolus grown on my bulbs I got from you last year. Thanks for the lovely gift. Send me your catalog as I want to order a few more.

E. J. H.

1929

Awarded American Gladiolus Society Gold Medal and The American Magazine Achievement Medal at Washington State Show, Seattle.

1930

Awarded A. G. S. Gold and Silver Medals, A. G. S. Trophy, Washington Gladiolus Society Silver and Bronze Medals, and Seedling Medal, at State Show, Seattle.

Winner of all ribbons and money offered, also silver trophy for best six bouquets of gladiolus, and silver trophy for sweepstakes basket of the show, at the Western Washington Fair, Puyallup. (See page 72, October 2nd issue of "Florists" Review" for picture of my exhibit.)

"IF IT ISN'T A WINNER-I HAVEN'T GOT IT"